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"Doctor ... why did you choose medicine as your career?"



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The young man in the photograph may be a colleague of yours one day—but at present, he and thousands of Canadian secondary school students are asking themselves the question, "What career shall I choose?"

Those who have an inherent desire to know more about science and its application to health and disease frequently consider medicine as a career. Before arriving at their decision, however, they often seek the advice of their own physician, who, through his experience, understanding, and personal example, has influenced their thinking in this regard.

With a population of over 18 million—and still growing— Canada needs more doctors in training to maintain the present high standard of Canadian medicine.

Your counsel to an enquiring student may assist him in choosing a career. To help you in giving him information on "medicine as a career", the revised C.M.A. booklet illustrated below is available upon request.



This booklet is available in both French and English. Please write to: Public Relations Dept., The Canadian Medical Association, 150 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.

Meet Your Executive Committee

During the past year, the Journal published brief biographical sketches of elected members of the Association's Executive Committee. The following biographical outline concludes the current series.

Dr. John Douglas Boyd Baird Representative of the Newfoundland Division

For many years Dr. Douglas Baird has been an active participant in the affairs of the Newfoundland Division. He has been Treasurer of his Division for the past six years, and a member of the C.M.A. Economics Committee for three years. At the present time he has an active practice in general surgery in the city of St. John's.

Born in St. John's 43 years ago, Dr. Baird received his early education at the Prince of



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Wales College and Memorial University. In 1943 he graduated from the University of Toronto with his M.D. degree, and after interning at the Toronto General Hospital, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, where he served with distinction for two years. He was mentioned in despatches in 1945 for his exceptionally fine war service.

After his discharge from the Navy, Dr. Baird spent two years in general practice in rural Saskatchewan. Between 1948 and 1953 he returned to the University of Toronto for a postgraduate course in general surgery, and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada.

Despite a busy practice, Dr. Baird finds time to take part in church and community activities, which include the Society for Crippled Children and the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Dr. Baird is married, has two sons and a daughter and resides in St. John's.